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# White House nod for GSU's dual enrollment program

By Tolulope Afolabi  
Contributing Writer

Governor State University's new Dual Degree program, a partnership with community colleges, earned praise from Dr. Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, during her appearance on campus Sept. 9.

Kanter spoke at GSU's "Success by Dual Degree: Meeting the President's 2020 College Completion Goal" event hosted by GSU's president Elaine P. Maimon.

Hundreds filled the Center for Performing Arts auditorium to standing room only to hear guest speakers including Kanter, President and Chief Operating Officer of ComEd Anne Pramaggiore and Rafiah Muhammed, a Prairie State College student who is enrolled in the Dual Degree Program.

Dr Kanter told the crowd, "It is important for us to do everything we can in order for students to think critically... We are trying to preserve educational opportunities for the top 100 percent that want to go to college. In 2008, six million students

received Pell grants in college and today, 9.6 million have received so far."

GSU has taken a major step in responding to President Barack Obama's 2020 college completion goal, challenging American institutions of higher learning to increase the national college graduation rate by 50 percent by 2020. Studies have shown that

many community college students are not going on to earn a bachelor's degree.

The Dual Degree program is already helping 43 community college students take the steps to graduate with a four-year degree.

"We are going to shine a spotlight on the Dual Degree Program," Kanter added. "This is absolutely the right direction in which to go."

Dr. Kanter further praised GSU saying, "If we invest in education, and do the kinds of things you are doing here today, we will benefit from those investments a thousand folds because we would have a

future for this country, in which we will all take pride."

Rafiah Muhammed is a good example of how the new program will help students achieve their goals.

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Dr. Martha Kanter  
Under Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Education

## Volunteers needed for new student food pantry

By Corrie Gray  
Staff Writer

Looking for a volunteer activity that is self-fulfilling and will have a positive, meaningful impact on the campus community? If so, I have the perfect opportunity for you.

GSU's Student Senate, in conjunction with the Wellness Club, is looking for volunteers to help out with the university's new student food pantry. The new food pantry is a student sponsored initiative designed to provide relief for GSU students who could use a little extra help during these tough times.

Volunteers will work one day per month packing, sorting, checking expiration dates, and distributing groceries.

"GSU's Student Senate recog-

nizes that many students are in need of assistance to afford even the basic necessities for their families. "Our goal is to provide temporary assistance to students who are struggling to make ends meet during these hard economic times," said senate member Denise Hill.

Participation in the food pantry is anonymous, with no financial information being collected and no names being recorded. Students will need to show their GSU ID to prove that they are a student.

The pantry is located in the student lounge/kitchen area (across from the student senate) and will be open on Mondays, starting November 7 from 2-6 p.m.

Collection boxes will be set up near the main entrance, outside of the student senate office and on

the 2nd floor pedway for donations of nonperishable food items and toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.). Organizers ask that contributors check expiration dates before making a donation.

In recent years, food pantries across the nation have seen a significant increase in the number of patrons they service. High gas prices combined with high unemployment and underemployment are believed to be key factors in the rising numbers. GSU's student pantry hopes to address a need on campus that has been growing across the country.

For more information on how to volunteer, make a donation, or visit the student food pantry please contact Sheree Sanderson at 708-534-4552, Betty Campbell at 708-969-0760, or Erin Fletcher at 708-534-4550.





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## Alright, alright, alright Let the kids in..... but they had better behave

By

Danyale A. Lucado  
Editor-in-Chief

The GSU campus is all a buzz with President Maimon's discussion of freshmen being admitted to the university. In this year's convocation address, Maimon said that GSU will soon be the only university in the nation admitting only upper class students, a tradition she feels should be revisited as the university looks to further develop and enhance its overall program.

While I do understand the university's line of thinking on this issue, there are a few concerns among the student body here at GSU.

Admitting freshmen to the university will certainly bring in additional revenue and more closely align our programs with that of other universities, however there is a uniqueness to GSU that draws the crowd of adult returning students to the campus in particular. Coupled with the flexibility of class schedules and the low cost tuition, the maturity of the student body at GSU is certainly a identifying characteristic of the university.

Many of the students now attending GSU have recently graduated from local community colleges, having shared classrooms with freshmen students, and I must say it was no picnic.

College students fresh out of high school tend to be less focused on studies and can be quite a distraction in the classroom. Most of them have not matured enough to have grown out of their typical high school behavior. Many of them talk in class, ALOT, even when the instructor is trying to speak. Often times, these students are very lax in pulling their weight for group projects, and they very seldom offer any meaningful insight in class discussions.

I know, I know. Someone somewhere is saying "yes, but this is an institute of learning and we all have to mature to that level". I know, and I understand. However, many students at GSU value the uniqueness of the GSU culture, which includes students with a great appreciation for

knowledge. Students enjoy the comradery of fellow students with similar interests and goals. We inspire each other, we hold each other accountable, and we cheer each other on in times of triumphs.

Many of the freshmen students we've encountered are not yet serious about education and are not willing to listen to older students who may try to encourage a more serious approach to their academic pursuits.

In addition to the class distractions, this new addition to the student body will mean more administrative staff and more faculty, which means more costs that will be passed down to students in hikes in tuition and fees. I mean really, I think we might want to rethink this thing.

Now, having said all this, I know that freshmen classes will inevitably be admitted to GSU at some point in the future. While my ranting and raving may resonate with many of my classmates, I doubt the administration is going to use it as a basis to keep the little boogers out. So, here's what I propose.

Upon admitting the new students, the orientation process must include a serious, and I mean SERIOUS lecture on the value of the education process and the level of maturity and commitment expected while on the GSU campus.

There will be times for fun and socializing, (I'm sure their admittance will be followed by a slew of new social clubs and sports activities to keep them busy) but that time is not in the classroom, while an instructor is speaking. Open discussions in class are great, and most students enjoy this kind of teaching style. However, I really don't want to hear you talking to your girlfriend about what happened last night, while the class is discussing research theories.

Having freshmen on campus can actually have some positive notes. The university will have new energy, more activities, possibly sports teams and more.

So I'm not TOTALLY against admitting the youngens, but for everyone's sake, please make sure they behave themselves!



## Catch preview of MJ show

A free preview of Thriller, The Legend Continues will rock the Hall of Governors on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 12:15 p.m.

The show's lead singer and four dancers will perform numbers from the show, a tribute to Michael Jackson.

GSU students can attend Thriller, The Legend Continues for the special price of \$25 per ticket. Tickets are available at the Center box office. Student ID's are required.

Thriller, The Legend Continues, takes place Saturday, October 1 at 8 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts.

The concert replicates Michael Jackson's BAD and Dangerous tours and is sure to be a musical thrill for everyone.



## White House nod

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Muhammed, who is attending Prairie State College and is participating in the Dual Degree program, said she plans to earn her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on international business and eventually attend law school.



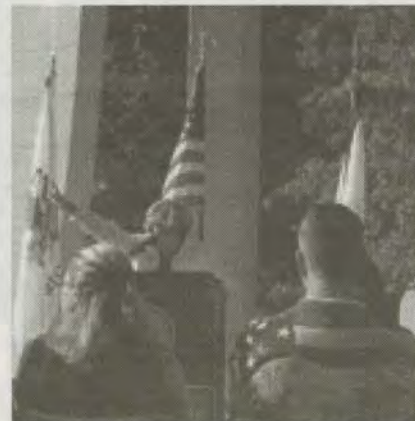
GSU's first class of dual enrollment students

"The dual degree program's clear pathway from community college to a university is making it much easier for me to be able to obtain that goal," she said, noting that she was happy to find out that while attending Prairie State she could work with GSU advisors to make sure she was taking the right courses to work towards her goal.

## GSU students and faculty remember events of 9-11

By Tolulope Afolabi  
Contributing Writer

Governors State University joined the country and citizens around the world recently in commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001, when terrorists hijacked four commercial aircraft, flying them into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon, killing nearly 3,000 people. The fourth plane



President Maimon addresses crowd as GSU remembers 911

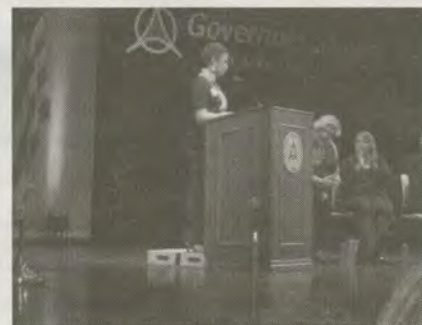
crashed into an open field in Pennsylvania, while in route to the whitehouse, its intended target.

A public discussion of the 9-11 event was held for members of the public at Engbretson hall on September 12, as they reminisced and shared the impact of the tragic event. "Where Were You on 9-11?" stories were submitted to Reinhold Hill, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and read by GSU faculty members in Sherman Hall. GSU President, Elaine Maimon was also in attendance and said it was really important that we remembered the victims of 9-11.

Rashidah Muhammad, a professor in the English department, who shared her story with the audience, said it was important to share her story to honor the victims of 9-11.

Muhammad, who is a Muslim herself, knew things would never be the same after the terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center were identified as Muslims.

"The actual horror for me was when the people who did it were identified as Islam," Muhammad added. "They had no God given



Rashidah Muhammad shares her story at this year's 911 anniversary event.

right to take the lives of innocent people, it is a crime against God, there is no justification for what they did."

Muhammad also said she thinks it is important to let people know; that the Islamic religion does not condone terrorism and that, people should not be prejudice against the Muslim population. "The religion is not responsible for the act, the individuals who did it are," she said.

Another faculty member said he was teaching at a University in Paris at the time and he remembered how badly he wanted to be on the next flight back to the States to be with his family and loved ones.

It was an emotional event, which brought some people to tears as they remembered that tragic day. For more information about the event, visit the school website or contact Reinhold Hill Dean of College of Arts and Sciences.

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Governors State University students must adhere to the university's Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Copies of the act are included in the Student Handbook, available from the Information Booth in the Hall of Governors.

Counselors in the Academic Resource Center provide referrals for students needing assistance with drug and/or alcohol issues. The Academic Resource Center is located in Room B1215 and can be reached at 708.235.2228.



## New online journal to showcase students' literary art

By Corrie Gray  
Staff Writer

Soon students will be able to showcase their writing and other artistic skills on the world wide web via GSU's new online journal, "Reconstructed."

"Reconstructed" is a totally student driven project with a staff of students whose sole purpose is to provide a literary community in which GSU students are allowed to share their wisdom, creativity and life experiences through fiction, poetry, nonfiction and art.

"I agreed to be the faculty advisor for this project because everything about Reconstructed is good for the students and for the University. I think Reconstructed could be a source of inspiration and pride for GSU students across campus," said Associate English Professor Dr. Christopher White.

The name "Reconstructed" was chosen because its original student organizers felt that the title captured the essence of the GSU experience. Chief editor Dan Petersohn described the correlation.

"Many GSU students are people with jobs and families, yet are here to further themselves or to seek a different path altogether," he said. "They are attempting to reconstruct themselves, if you will, and so the title is symbolic of that." Petersohn, an English graduate student, was a part of the original group who decided to start an online journal.

After the student heading up the effort graduated and moved out of state, he was forced to step up to the plate. "It sort of landed in my lap and I have done everything I can to see it to fruition," Petersohn said. "What I ultimately want to accomplish is to have Reconstructed be an everyday name within the GSU community that continues to function long after I'm gone," Petersohn said. "I want students to take over editing roles as current students graduate, and I want the successive outpouring of creativity and individualism that arrives with each wave of new students to fuel the process."

Petersohn is hopeful that the premiere issue will make its debut some time this semester. "It seems like we've been at this for a year, and I can't even tell you, looking back, how it's taken this long. We are waiting until we have enough material to put out a nice quality issue," he said.

"Reconstructed" uses a blind editing process in which submitted work is given to the chief editor who removes identifying information from the submissions and filters them down to his team of editors who then decide what will be published.

GSU students are encouraged to submit original material to the journal's website <http://www3.govst.edu/Reconstructed/>. The website features individual sections for fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art.

For more information on "Reconstructed," email [reconstructed@govst.edu](mailto:reconstructed@govst.edu).



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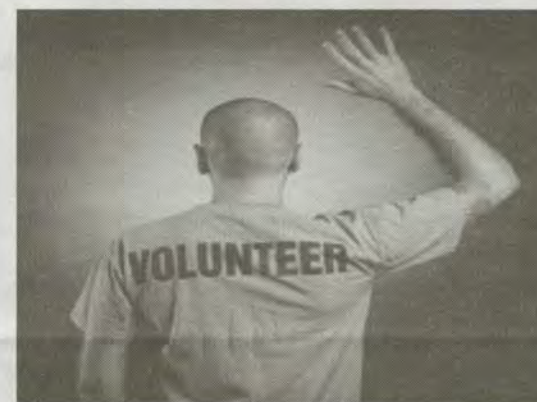
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## SPORTS

## Best Illini start in 60 years

By Eric Olson  
Courtesy of Chicagosuntimes.com

Illinois is 3-0 for the first time since 2001 and looks like a team to be taken seriously in the Big Ten.

The No. 24 Illini entered the Top 25 this week for the first time in three years after their 17-14 victory over then-No. 22 Arizona State. A win over Western Michigan this week would give Illinois its first 4-0 start since the 1951 national championship season.

"They've caught my attention," Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema said Tuesday on the Big Ten coaches' call.

Wins over Arkansas State and South Dakota State to start the season didn't raise any eyebrows. The win over Arizona State was impressive because the defense, a major question mark entering the season, carried the day while Illinois' offense generated just 240 yards.

"There's no question, you play a Pac-12 opponent and beat them, it was great for our program," Illini coach Ron Zook said. "Our guys went into that game knowing they could win if they did the things the coaches asked them to do.

Illinois beat a ranked nonconference team for the first time in 10 tries and is on a four-game win streak that started with a 38-14 victory over Baylor in the Texas Bowl. Bielema said the win over Arizona State, a team the Badgers beat 20-19 in Madison last year, showed

Illinois is a legitimate Big Ten contender.

"We beat (ASU) on a blocked extra point, and I think they had a good team a year ago," Bielema said. "It speaks volumes about how good Illinois is at this point."

An Illinois defense that lost three players to the NFL draft sacked Sun Devils quarterback Brock Osweiler six times and intercepted two of his passes.

Sophomore linebacker Jonathan Brown was named Big Ten defensive player of the week after making seven tackles and 1.5 sacks. He also had an interception and forced another.

Glenn Foster has made a smooth move from end to tackle to help compensate for the loss of first-round pick Corey Liuget.

The defense, allowing under 11 points a game, hasn't been scored on after any of Illinois' four turnovers and has forced eight takeaways that have led to 24 points.

"I knew defensively we'd be a lot better than people would give us credit for," said Zook, who is 54-59 in seven seasons at Illinois and has spent some years fending off speculation about his future with the Illinois. "We lost guys who were good players, but we knew we had some pretty good players replacing them. The biggest question I had was how soon the defense would come around."

Sophomore quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase has improved as a passer. He's completed 33 of



46 passes (72 percent) for 504 yards. He's thrown 16 touchdown passes against two interceptions the last 10 games.

"The defense lost good players, but they're big-play oriented," Bielema said. "And their quarterback makes special things happen."

A.J. Jenkins, who caught Scheelhaase's game-winning 16-yard touchdown pass against Arizona State in the fourth quarter, is second in the Big Ten with 7.3 catches and 107 yards a game. Jason Ford and Scheelhaase lead a rushing attack averaging 223 yards a game.

Illinois has a favorable conference schedule, with home games against Northwestern, Ohio State, Michigan and Wisconsin at home and Indiana, Purdue, Penn State and Minnesota on the road.

"Of the eight Big Ten games, four at home, you probably would pick the four that we have at home if you have your druthers," Zook said. "I'm not going to apologize for our schedule after the one we played the last five or six years."

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Left to Right (Marley, Stewart, Jagger, Rahman, Stone)

## SuperHeavy

*Lots of talent, little to say*

By Thomas Conner  
Courtesy of chicagosuntimes.com

It's the summer of supergroups. In rock, we got Wild Flag (hot). In hip-hop, we got Kanye & Jay-Z (tepid). For every other genre, apparently, we're now offered SuperHeavy (warm), an unexpected conglomerate of the Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger, 68; Eurythmics co-founder Dave Stewart, 59; British soul singer Joss Stone, 24; Damian Marley, 33, son of the late reggae icon Bob, and Indian film composer A.R. Rahman, 45 ("Slumdog Millionaire").

If that combination of talent seems confounding, the band itself is just as bewildered. Late in the record, Stone can be heard crying, "What the f--- is going on?!"

The quintet's self-titled debut, "SuperHeavy," wears pretty thin by the second half, but it boasts a few fiery moments. Marley's feisty toasting and the rocking reggae rhythms of his band take the lead on most tracks; Rahman's Bollywood strings, meanwhile, enhance more than they intrude.

But it's Jagger that's the pleasant surprise. The Glimmer Twin chews through the material with a bite he hasn't had on record in years. In the bluesy "One Day One Night" he's really unleashed, spewing Tom Waitsisms ("a rotten cheap motel with a stale old smell," something he probably hasn't encountered in 40 years) with such fervor he becomes wonderfully unintelligible.

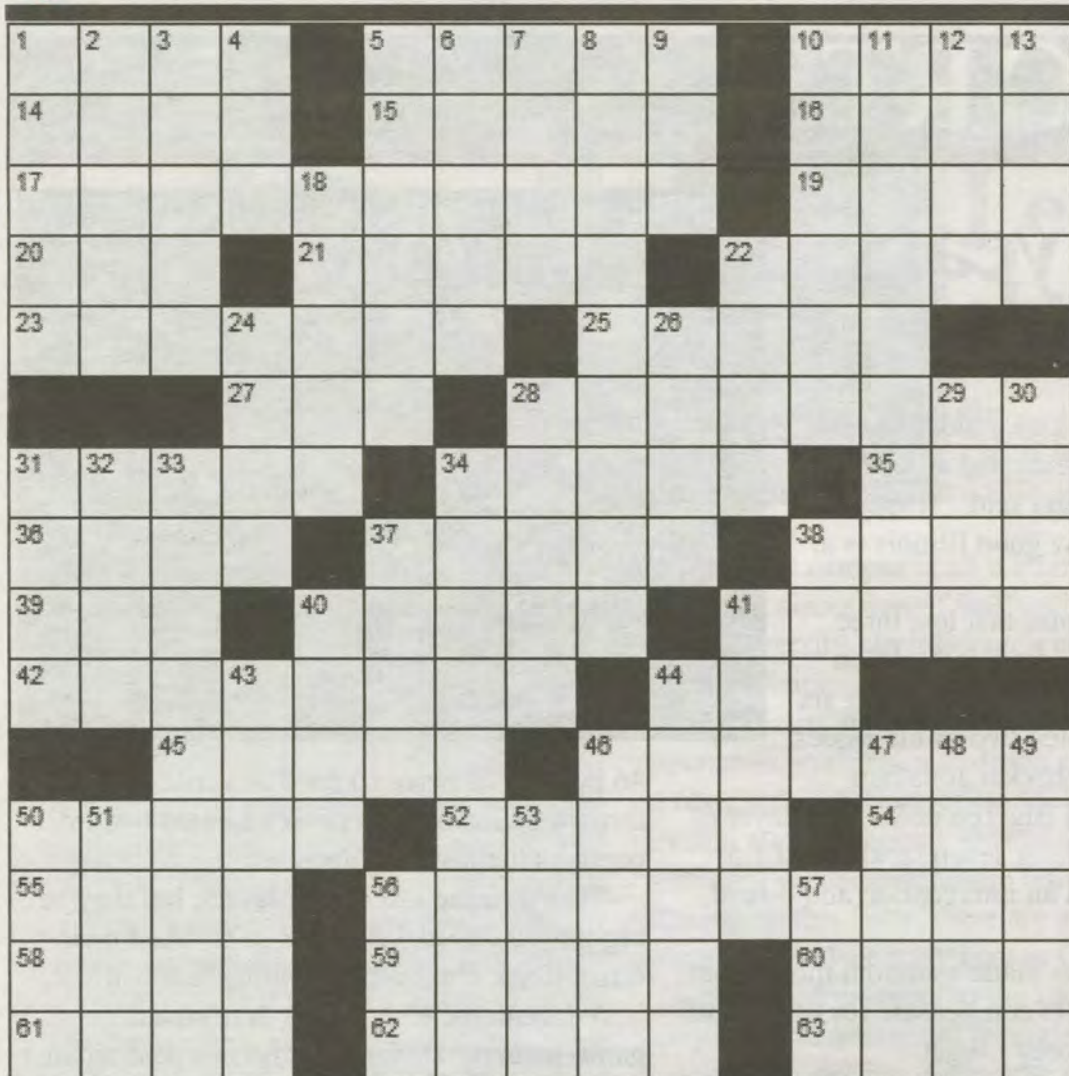
A handful of songs strike the right musical balance, but they don't all succeed. Most songs labor to include everyone's input. The album's greatest failing is that these five figures simply never came up with anything to say. "I said, 'Hey!'" is about as deep as it gets ("Energy"). Maybe not super, but it bests most of Jagger's solo records.



# WHAT'S UP

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## ACROSS

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5. Merchandise
10. A Freudian stage
14. Astringent
15. Lacquer ingredient
16. Wan
17. Emancipation
19. Lays
20. President Lincoln
21. Happening
22. Stupefy
23. One of Batman's foes
25. Silly
27. What we breathe
28. Edge
31. Relating to audible sound
34. Trousers
35. Foot digit
36. Matures
37. Plateaux
38. Inform
39. Dry, as wine
40. Risk
41. She likes to pose
42. Reckless
44. Canine
45. Soft leather
46. Breakable
50. Modeled
52. Bravery
54. Escape
55. Distinctive flair
56. Compensate
58. Cousin of a gull
59. Mountain crest
60. Arab chieftain
61. A type of edible bean
62. Units of heredity
63. Declare untrue

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1. Cheekbone
2. Exculpation
3. Raised to the third power
4. An uncle
5. He makes cloth
6. Adjust

7. Bridle strap
8. Maudlin
9. Transgression
10. Add
11. Sickened
12. Countertenor
13. In order that not
18. Museum piece
22. Prohibits
24. Speaker's platform
26. Cashews and pecans
28. Foundation
29. Part portrayed
30. Scream
31. Waistband
32. Arch type
33. Essential
34. Persist
37. A fitting reward (archaic)
38. Roman robe
40. Begged
41. Wavelike design
43. Chaperone
44. An unchanging intonation
46. A high-pitched woodwind instrument
47. Find fault
48. The language of ancient Rome
49. Manicurist's board
50. Animal friends
51. Margarine
53. Ends a prayer
56. Tattered cloth
57. Crimson

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